

Application Serial No. 10/658,063
Amendment dated February 18, 2005
Reply to Final Office Action dated February 1, 2005

REMARKS

Claims 1-15, 17-20 and 23-28 are pending. Claims 16, 21 and 22 have been canceled. Claims 1-15 and 23-28 have been allowed.

The Examiner rejected Claims 16, 17, 19, 21 and 22 as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 4,394,852 to Tuckey et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,457,271 to Fitch, and rejected Claim 18 as being obvious over Tuckey et al. '852 in view of Fitch '271 and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,152,431 to Stenz et al. The Examiner objected to Claim 20 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that Claim 20 would be allowable if written in independent form.

Responsive thereto, Applicant has rewritten Claim 20 in independent form to include all the limitations of canceled independent Claim 16, and have amended Claims 17-19 to depend from Claim 20. Applicant has canceled Claims 21 and 22. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-15, 17-20 and 23-28 are in condition for allowance.

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Official Action and reconsideration is requested. Specifically, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests allowance thereof.

In the event Applicant has overlooked the need for an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicant hereby petitions therefore and authorizes that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 02-0385, Baker & Daniels.

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Should the Examiner have any further questions regarding any of the foregoing, he is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at (260) 424-8000.

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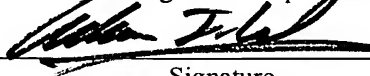
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